

POWER FROM THE PAST

Jan.—March. 2018

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Antique engines and tractors
POWER
from the
PAST
"No Style Like Old Style"

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Upcoming Events (All area codes are 520, unless noted.)

**January 8 Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Peace in the Valley
Lutheran Church, 551 S. J Six Ranch Road, Benson**

January 31 Membership Renewal Deadline

February 5 Board Meeting, same time and place

**February 24 Culver's, Broadway & Prudence, (10-4)
Mel Perkins 400-1948**

March 5 Board Meeting, same as above

Events from other groups

Jan. 19-21 SW Forgotten Iron Show, Wellton, AZ, 602-568-8155

Feb. 10-11 Sahuaro Ranch Park Show, Glendale, AZ,
602 762-1951

Mar. 10-11 Apache Junction Show, Apache Junction,
602 762-1951

Mar. 16-17 Arizona Flywheelers Show, Cottonwood, AZ ,
928 282-7626

Apr. 20-22 California Antique Farm Equipment Show,
Tulare, CA www.antiquefarmshow.org

Jun. 22-24 38th Annual Branch 15 Swap Meet, Brooks, OR,
503 246-2204

Dues

As a reminder, our family membership and insurance are due on or before January 31, 2018. Individual or family memberships (children under 18) is \$25, per year, plus \$12 for each family member that pulls tractors and exhibits engines. Lifetime members only pay the \$12 insurance cost, unless they have EDGE&TA insurance from another association.



Please remit to **Power from the Past** and mail to Ruth Senkbeil, 2721 W. Cranbrook Street, Tucson, AZ 85746 **BEFORE January 31, 2018**.
Check us out at www.powerfromthepast.org

Directors

Members of the Board of Directors are chosen at the annual meeting in May. In May of 2018, the terms of Seth Hoyte, Mel Perkins, and Ruth Senkbeil, expire. They have chosen to vacate their positions to give other members an opportunity to serve. Our secretary, Karen Reid, is not able to continue, as she is working three jobs, including every Saturday. So, there will be four positions open. If you would like to serve, please notify Larry Kastens by March 1, 2018 (larrykastens@hotmail.com or 520-378-2226) and state in which area you would be willing to serve. Generally, Board members participate in most of our events and volunteer for other tasks.



Leadership



President: Jim White, 220-7615

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Editor: Larry Kastens, 378-2226

2018 Tentative Schedule

Rope-making will be at all shows in which engines are exhibited and ice cream-making will be at the Sahuarita Pecan Festival. Other shows will be added as the need arises. Dates are approximate, as some places haven't formulated their event calendars.

April or May ?? Annual Meeting and Election of Directors

July 4 Benson, Independence Day parade

July 20-21 St. David, Pioneer Days, parade, tractor & engine exhibits

Sept. 8 Willcox, Apple Annie's Orchard, tractor pulls/exhibits & engine exhibits

Oct. 13 Benson, Butterfield Day, Parade, tractor pulls/exhibits & engine exhibits

Oct. 20-21 Tombstone, Helldorado, engine & tractor exhibits, Sunday parade

Oct. 27 Green Valley, White Elephant Parade

Nov. 10 Sahuarita, Pecan Festival, tractor pulls/exhibits & engine exhibits, ice cream production

Nov. 23 Pearce, Old Pearce Festival, tractor & engine exhibits

Dec. 1 Benson, Christmas parade

Dec. 15 Tucson, Parade of Lights

Tasks

If you cannot fulfill your task at an event, please work to find a replacement.

Email Addresses

Please establish a stable address. It takes a lot of time to be changing addresses. We work constantly to be accurate as possible. Let us know.

Green Valley White Elephant Parade, Oct. 28

Members participating were Bucky Stevens with his John Deere A and trailer with a running engine. Following were Kevin Lange, Jim Blair, Al Mattson, Neil & Susan Bourgois, Dave & Betsy Suter, Jerry Hayes, Tiny Dixon, Jim Fieber, Darrell Day with their farm tractors, and Carroll Cox with his entertaining two wheeled Allis and then Mel Perkins with his Chevy truck with engines displayed on the back. Participants had 11



of them had loads of fun. It was a beautiful morning and the spectators appreciated our involvement. As a sidebar, according to Jim Fieber, there was a Green Valley Outlaw Corvette Club with 90-year old owners driving their twelve corvettes. Afterward, some of our members went to the Legion Hall (invited by Ray Robinson) for the car show and gathering.



Sahuarita Pecan Festival Show

Jerry and JoBeth Hayes organized and implemented another fantastic Power from the Past show on Veteran's Day. Forty-four families with 69 individuals, participated. There were 12 running engines and 4 static ones, 23 large tractors, 6 garden tractors, a pedal tractor, a jeep, a car, a 1953 Boles Aero travel trailer, and 8



trucks. We especially thank the exhibitors who had engines which were belted to labor-saving machines.



Tractor pulling was a big hit as well as running engines, rope-making, and ice cream production. Sharon Fieber sold merchandise, many of the items which were designed by Jim or Sharon, for the benefit of PFTP. (In our formative years, it was Ginny



Meeks who sold the merchandise and hauled the containers, traveling from show to



show, with their little red pickup.) Some kind members brought baked goods and coffee for the exhibitors and volunteers.



We thank Green Valley Pecan Company for inviting us to their festival, placing pecan shells on the barren dirt, putting up most of the fencing, and providing close parking.

The ice cream production team distributed over 2,000 cups, bringing in \$1,215. Merchandise sold amounted to \$437. Three hundred and two ropes were made with donations totaling \$210.11 with nine volunteers. Giving children the choice of white, orange, and yellow was a big hit.

ROPE MAKING REPORT

<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>	
ROPES MADE IN 2017-	2201	ROPES MADE IN 2016-	2376
DONATIONS 2017 -	\$2320.14	DONATIONS 2016-	\$2076.15
COST OF MATERIALS-	\$637.41	COST OF MATERIALS-	\$ 688.09
INCOME FOR PFTP-	\$1682.73	INCOME FOR PFTP-	\$1388.06
DONATION PER ROPE	\$1.054	DONATION PER ROPE-	\$ 0.8738
COST PER ROPE-	\$ 0.29	COST PER ROPE-	\$ 0.2896
NET INCOME PER ROPE -	\$ 0.764	NET INCOME PER ROPE-	\$ 0.58

Old Pearce Festival, November 24, 2017

It was a beautiful day in the ghost town of Pearce. We had ten running engines and five tractors. Engine persons were James Bell, Jim Blair, Kent Hardy, Larry Kastens, Warren McKay, Clair & Joan St. Clair, and Jim White. Tractor persons were Lance & Liz Amatulli, Lloyd Baker, Frank & Teri Bessler, Carroll Cox, and Ralph Isaacson. Bruce Tingle displayed his double A Ford truck in front of the Mercantile building. Exhibitors were thankful that Joan St. Clair and Bruce Tingle prepared and served our noon meal. Member spectators were the families of Oertle, Rodriguez, and Sachs. We thank Patti Burris and Kent Hardy for their organization.

Christmas Dinner, Board Meeting, & Parade, December 2, 2017

The Christmas Dinner was organized by Candi Eppley with 52 in attendance. Candi filled in for our treasurer, Ruth Senkbeil, who was hospitalized for nearly a month, by collecting dues for membership renewals. The 50-50 raffle of \$53 was won by the Rasmussen family. Graciously, they gave it to the Benson Food Bank. Jim White chaired the Board Meeting which was a recap of past events. He also noted that Jamie Davenport



gave us a recommendation for our CD which will expire in January. Informative papers were distributed to those who wanted them. This will be voted on at the January Board Meeting. Participant families for the evening parade were the families of Amatulli, Bessler, Fieber, Schmidt, and White. We thank all of those who helped and participated.

Huachuca City Christmas Parade, December 9, 2017

Thanks to Karen Reid, our button maker, employee of Jim Goad, owner of Mr. Shed, we were permitted to use his yard to unload and park our trailers and trucks. Mark and Joyce Bott led the parade with their 1948 Earthmaster C which pulled our announcer's trailer, advertising Power from the Past. Next came Larry Kastens and Mike Culp with their 1948 Dodge Worthington Chief. Then Jim White came with his 1939 homemade tractor which he named Misfit, and a trailer with Santa, a snowman, and a minion. Matt Stewart drove his home-made 1937 John Deere (mostly



Ford and some Chrysler parts with a 70's Briggs & Stratton engine) which pulled a trailer with a minion. Then Wayne & Phyllis Stevens came with their restored 1946 Chevrolet pickup, and lastly, Lance Amatulli, with his red Wheelhorse. Parade organizers served coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies to the participants.



Rope Making at Prince Elementary School

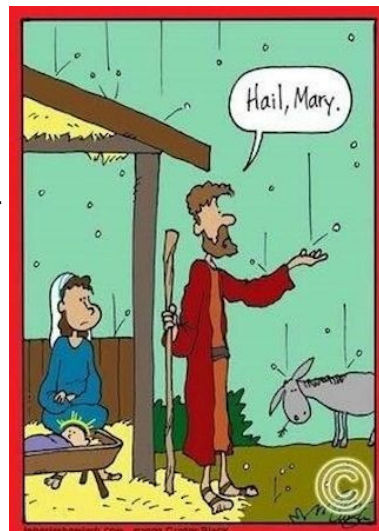
Seeing the rope making in action at the Sahuarita show, a Prince Elementary teacher asked whether they could bring the machine to their Open House on December 7. Mel and Ruth brought the machine to the school and helped the students make 45 ropes. The principal and teachers appreciated the activity. According to Mel, "These are great opportunities to let the community know about PFTP."

Tombstone High School Car and Engine Show, Dec. 16

Matt Stewart and Jim White were the sole exhibitors for the show.

Tucson Parade of Lights, December 16

PFTP participants were Jeff & Candi Eppley, Johnathon & Krystine Eppley, and their children. Pictures are available, on Power from the Past's site, on Facebook.



Care

Recently, Marvin Blough, Ruth Senkbeil, and Leroy Welch have been hospitalized.

Donation



An International Cub Lo-Boy tractor was donated to "Power from the Past" by a Tucson widow.



Letter to the editor, Dec. 2017

Do not really know how to state this. I do not want to be critical with this but I do want to work toward making it easier. Meetings are difficult and not an easy thing to facilitate. So many things come into play and I will leave it at that.

My first comment, everyone should know the planned content of the meeting beforehand. A member's attraction to attend the meeting may be because a topic being covered is of importance to them. At the very least all Board Members should know what is being covered so that they have an opportunity to become familiar with the topics and can gather some thoughts. They also will then know of their assignments. This detail, of the Board being informed is not an option, in my opinion, because it only helps the governing body to be active players. Board Members are not just onboard witnesses to the meetings. And they definitely are not spectators. They also can't be expected to know everything about all topics and to be able to form firm opinions on the fly. Every Board Member is an active part of the process to pave the path of the Club's actions. The group is what makes them strong and it is the thoughts of the individuals in the group that give richness and fairness to chosen path. The President is the manager of the proceedings and the tie breaker of the vote and not the keynote speaker of the whole event. Furthermore the Board does not do all and know all. At their disposal they have the option to open a topic up to the attending members for input. They also can appoint a committee from the Board or from its' members to gather information and report back to the Board. They can postpone the action to work it out at a later meeting. The board can also impose a "closed session" where they dismiss the members for a time to talk privately among themselves or with key parties because of a private or sensitive nature. When the members are allowed to return to the meeting, a general outline is disclosed of the outcome of the closed session.

Agendas in play; Operating within the concept of all parties being informed about the planned meeting content beforehand, it would then follow that if an additional topic should arise, during the process of the meeting, that the discussion and solution of the topic not be allowed since other members not in attendance had no knowledge of this being discussed and they may need to enter into the debate. That is to say that the topic will be placed on the next meeting agenda and then all interested members can attend and share their thoughts during the discussion period. In the workings of Power from the Past Club there may be some instances where a topic will come up and be resolved on the spot but surely any substantial topic in meetings should afford everybody to weigh in. This should not stop or discourage anyone from speaking up in a meeting with new topics but just understand that if it is of substance it may be reassigned to the next meeting for all to have a say. If a topic is thought of by a member before the meeting it should then be requested to be placed on the agenda in time for all to see. **THE LESS SURPRISES, THE BETTER THE MEETING.** Avoid the shock value and enjoy the result of the solution for all.

May we always see horizons of possibilities together.

Respectfully,

Jim Fieber

P.S. If this is not followed it is not the end of the world as we know it.

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